sideration/being taken to equip the force with modern equipment.

(b) Escorting of trains and security of passengers and their belongings is the responsibility of Govt. Railway Police, which is an agency of State Government concerned and Railways have no control over them.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Railway Reforms Committee's recommendations for creation of special squads for ticket checking and alarm chain pulling under a senior Commercial Officer has been accepted by the Department of Railways. However, its implementation has been kept in abeyance due to ban on creation of posts.

Family Planning norms

361. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Editorial 'Family Planning Norms' in the Hindustan Times of 3rd July, 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is undue emphasis on sterilisation to the detriment of non-terminal methods resulting in set back to family planning drive;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the rate of increase of sterilisation remains much below the target levels;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the motivation aspect receive inadequate attention?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) All efforts are made to achieve a maximum level of performance under the various methods of family welfare. It is the policy of the Government to promote adoption of spacing methods since these methods are particularly suited for the low parity young age group couples who desire to space the birth of their children. Motivational work for adoption of sterilisation is particularly directed at those who have already reached the desired family size and do not wish to have any additional children.

The acceptance of sterilisation which stood at about 79 per cent of the target in the VIth plan period rose of a level of 88 per cent in the first year of the VIIth plan.

(e) It is not correct that the motivational aspect is not receiving adequate attention. The Budget Estimates for 1986-87 for Mass Education and Media activities are Rs. 1336.00 lakhs (including expenditure by Centre and States). This was 1206 lakhs for the year 1985-86. So, as the years go by, the emphasis on motivational aspects is increasing. All media of publicity including films, advertisements, outdoor publicity, programmes on AIR and Doordarshan and Interpersonal communication through field workers, are used to motivate people to accept the small family norms. Information, Education and Communication also forms an important component of the mult-media campaigns that are launched from time to time to intensify work to achieve the targets of family Welfare Prorammes.

New trains in Saurashtra Region

362. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether some new trains are likely to be started to various parts of Saurashtra from Ratlam, Kota, Bombay Division on the Western Railways ;

(b) if so, how many such trains are proposed to be started; and

(c) whether demands have been made from time to time by M.Ps and various organisations to start long-distance trains connecting Saurashtra Region and if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken to start such long-distance trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b)